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Applicant: Masataka Tsutsumi

Examiner: MATTHEW J. KOHNER

Serial No.: 10/626,927

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It is believed that no fee is due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which might be required to Account No. 50-0983.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE "A" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.